

morning with the families of the fallen and injured sailors and their larger Navy family in Norfolk.

Like the golfers here, they come from many different ethnic and religious backgrounds. Like you, they stood for our common humanity and those who want to build a world where we bridge our differences and celebrate our diversity. When you play in this tournament with honor and by the rules, respecting the character and ability of your opponents, you show the world, including those rooting hard for you, the way we all ought to live and work. You offer another rebuke, although gentle and gentlemanly, to those who believe our differences are more important than our common humanity.

I ask you to say a little prayer for those folks tonight. This is a tough day for them. Almost all those 17 sailors were very young, just beginning life's journey. But they were proud of what

they did, and what they did and what their successors do today is very important. May God bless them and their families.

Now, as the honorary chairman, my first order of business is to declare this tournament officially open. Secondly, I have been informed—much against my better instincts—to declare this a no-mulligans zone. [*Laughter*] Now, I would like to invite the two captains up here to join me for a presentation and before the Cup.

Thank you very much, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:58 p.m. at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. James S. Gilmore III of Virginia; Tim Finchem, commissioner, PGA Tour; Ken Venturi, U.S. team captain, and Peter Thomson, international team captain; and Vernon Jordan, president, Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

## Message to the Congress Transmitting Reports of the Department of Transportation

October 18, 2000

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I transmit herewith the Department of Transportation's Calendar Year 1998 reports on Activities Under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, the Highway Safety Act of 1966, and the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act of 1972, as amended.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,

October 18, 2000.

NOTE: This message was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 19.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Iraq's Compliance With United Nations Security Council Resolutions

October 18, 2000

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution (Public Law 102-1 as amended by Public Law 106-113) and as part of my effort to keep the Congress fully informed, I am reporting on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the United Nations

Security Council. My last report, consistent with Public Law 102-1, was dated July 17, 2000. I shall continue to keep the Congress informed about this important issue.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON